

second American women's gymnastics team ever to win the gold medal. These teenagers will also be awarded \$25,000 each for being the best in the Olympic world—but what they've earned they're not going to be able to keep because part of the medal and the prize will be confiscated by our government, so sayeth Uncle Sam.

That's right, Mr. Speaker. Each one of the Fierce Five has to pay a medal tax of up to \$236. Then they also have to pay a prize tax on their cash award that could be up to \$8,750. So that brings the total up to about \$9,000 that they could owe the taxman. Leave it to our government to punish Team USA for their success on behalf of all Americans.

Yesterday, Senator RUBIO introduced a bill to exempt Olympic medalists from paying taxes on their medals and their prizes. I am a cosponsor of a similar bill in this House. The long arm of the internal taxman reaches far across the seas to grab a piece of the gold from kids that it neither earned nor deserves.

And that's just the way it is.

ON THE ATTEMPT TO ADJOURN

(Mr. BARBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to this body's attempt to adjourn until September 10.

The people of southern Arizona sent me here to work on their behalf, and while it is essential that all of us go back home from time to time to hear from our constituents, we attempt to leave here today with many critical issues unresolved.

We have done nothing about sequestration. We are facing \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts in defense and domestic programs. These arbitrary cuts will harm the people of my district.

Yet we took a vote to leave Washington.

We have done nothing about the postal service, which is bleeding billions of dollars because of congressional mandates; and it is wrongfully planning to shut down a crucial processing facility in my district.

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We have done nothing to approve budgets to maintain vital programs that assist veterans, seniors, and children.

Yet we took a vote to leave Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stay here and work.

ERIN CAFARO, WINNING THE GOLD

(Mr. DENHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DENHAM. I rise today to honor Modesto native, two-time Olympian,

and five-time U.S. National Team member Erin Cafaro, who this morning successfully defended, along with her teammates of the United States women's eight rowing team, the gold medal they won at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Erin's victory today is the culmination of years of training, and it is an example of how personal dedication to a goal is the cornerstone of success.

The London games are Erin's second Olympics, having first represented the team in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In 2008, Erin and the women's eight rowing team were the first to bring home a gold medal to the United States in this event. In this morning's race, faced with strong competition from Canada and the Netherlands, Team USA won in a time of 6 minutes, 10.59 seconds.

Erin Cafaro, you and your teammates have made Modesto, the State of California, and the Nation proud. Please accept my sincere congratulations on a gold medal today.

RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN OUR DEMOCRACY ACT

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. *Citizens United v. FEC* is one of the most destructive Supreme Court decisions in the history of this country.

It unleashed the floodgates for unlimited expenditures on elections; ignored factual records; disregarded congressional intent; and opened up the floodgates of crime, misbehavior, and scandal. In addition to that, people are going to be spending money without knowing who is having it spent, why, or for how much or by whom.

That is why, today, I, along with a number of my colleagues, will be introducing the Restoring Confidence in Our Democracy Act. This legislation makes findings of fact about the negative effects of unlimited spending which the Court cannot ignore. It reinstates the law that was in place on the day before *Citizens United* was adopted by the Court. It prohibits corporate spending in elections, and it subjects super PACs to \$5,000 contribution limits.

Don't wait for a constitutional amendment to undo *Citizens United*. Support the Restoring Confidence in Our Democracy Act, and let us do it by an enactment of Congress preceded by the necessary findings pointing out the evils of this scandal. We will be back in less than 30 days, and we are going to find out after the primary elections and after the general election what an outrage this is.

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ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science for 100 years of educating and training physicians and health care providers.

Since they opened their doors in 1912, Rosalind Franklin has had a non-discrimination policy in place and has embraced a diverse student body. These students have gone on to treat patients throughout the world and contribute to vital research.

At Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, their focus is on interprofessional education, where students are encouraged to learn and share experiences with members of the health care team outside of their chosen profession. This provides a strong foundation for graduates of the program and enriches their clinical practice. The president, Dr. Michael Welch, has received numerous accolades for his leadership, including winning the 10th District Congressional Leadership Award for education this year.

I want to congratulate Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science for an impressive 100 years of educating some of our best and brightest health care providers, and for giving back to the community and working to better the world around them.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE FIDDLES WHILE AMERICA BURNS

(Ms. BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Republican do-nothing congress. With all the problems we're having in our Nation's transportation and infrastructure, we had a full committee meeting today on Amtrak food and beverage service. We could have been talking about critical rail issues that we left out of the surface transportation bill, like positive train control, the railroad rehabilitation improvement financing program, or the freight congestion plans. Or we could have been talking about real debt restructuring of Amtrak. We could even have gotten crazy and talked about how we were going to finance future transportation bills or hold a markup on a Water Resource Development Act. And if we really want to talk about food, we could have had a hearing on the repeated instances of needles being placed in airplane sandwiches. Most importantly, we could have had a hearing on the near fatal plane collision that happened just 2 days ago at Washington National Airport.

Once again, the Republican House fiddles while America is burning.

HOUSE STANDS READY TO WORK

(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1